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SUBJ: REASSIGNMENT OF SENIOR UNIDO STAFF

1. UNIDO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S BULLETIN DISTRIBUTED FEB 15
ANNOUNCES FOLLOWING REASSIGNMENTS AFFECTING U.S. NATIONALS:
- JAMES BALANO REASSIGNED FROM ACTING HEAD, SECTORAL
STUDIES SECTION, TO THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, INTER-
NATIONAL CENTER OF INDUSTRIAL STUDIES;
- ERWIN HERNRIED IS APPOINTED CHIEF OF INDUSTRIAL
PLANNING SECTION;
- WILLIAM MILLAGER IS APPOINTED ACTING HEAD OF FACTORY
ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT SECTION;
- JOSEF WISCHEIDT IS REASSIGNED TO NEW YORK LIAISON
OFFICE.

BALANO WILL BE REPLACED BY JORGE SUCCAR (PERU) AND MOSTAFA
HAMIDI (EGYPT) WILL REPLACE WISCHEIDT AS HEAD OF NGO AND
BUSINESS COOPERATIVE SECTION.

2. BULLETIN ALSO ANNOUNCES RESCHULFFING OF RESPONSIBIL-
ITIES AND OF CHAIN OF COMMAND THAT APPEAR TO WEAKEN
AUTHORITY OF DIVISION DIRECTORS; DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER
OF TECHNOLOGY SECTION AND INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION SECTION
ARE REMOVED FROM INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR INDUSTRIAL STUDIES
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AND PLACED UNDER GOURI (INDIA), DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIA
OPERATIONS DIVISION, WHO WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR
ACTIVITIES IN FIELD OF DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOL-
OGY AND WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; STROHAL
(AUSTRIA), NEW APPOINTED HEAD OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SECTION,
WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND HACINI, ACTING
HEAD OF NEGOTIATIONS SECTION, WILL DO LIKEWISE.

3. FROM POINT OF VIEW OF PLACEMENT OF U.S. NATIONALS IN SECRETARIAT, NEWLY-ANNOUNCED REASSIGNMENTS APPEAR SLIGHTLY TO STRENGTHEN OUR POSITION. ALTHOUGH IT APPEARS ON SURFACE THAT U.S. POSITION UNCHANGED (LOSS OF ONE CHIEF AND ONE ACTING CHIEF OF SECTION AND EQUIVALENT GAIN), BOTH HERNRIED AND MILLAGER SEEM TO HAVE POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER ADVANCEMENT, AND EACH WILL TAKE OVER A SECTION IN THE IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION; WISCHEIDT BELIEVES HE WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAIN WORKING-LEVEL UNIDO CHANNEL TO U.S. PRIVATE SECTOR AND THAT ASSIGNMENT TO NEW YORK (WHICH HE SOUGHT FOR FAMILY REASONS) WILL OFFER POSSIBILITY FOR INCREASING HIS PRIVATE SECTOR CONTACTS. FINAL ANALYSIS OF EFFECT THESE REASSIGNMENTS WILL DEPEND ON WHETHER OR NOT THEY SERVE IN PRACTICE TO ADVANCE U.S. INTERESTS IN UNIDO; EVENTUAL CONFIRMATION OF MILLAGER AS CHIEF OF SECTION WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE A BEARING ON THAT JUDGMENT GARLAND

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